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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROPRIATES \$4 MILLION FOR BACA RANCH PURCHASE ALLARD CALLS FUNDING "GREAT NEWS" FOR SAN LUIS VALLEY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today was informed by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior that they have appropriated \$4 million for the purchase of the Baca Ranch. The funding level is twice the amount, \$2 million, a House Appropriations Committee earlier appropriated for the purchase of the Baca Ranch.

"This is great news for the entire San Luis Valley," Allard said. "This \$4 million appropriation for the purchase of the Baca Ranch shows a very strong commitment by the U.S. Senate for this project."

Allard, whose legislation last year allowed for the purchase of the Baca Ranch and the creation of the Great Sand Dunes National Park, said the Park Service is now assured they will receive funding from Congress this year for the purchase of the Baca Ranch.

"With today's news, The San Luis Valley can now be assured that there will be money in this year's budget for the eventual purchase of the Baca Ranch," added Allard.

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